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E.O. 12956: N/A  
TAGS: SNAR, NU, CR, HD  
SUBJ: SANDINISTA PRESS TREATMENT OF REPORTED USG  
COVERUPS OF CONTRA DRUG TRAFFICKING

1. THE TWO PRO-GON DAILIES HEADLINED ON DECEMBER 17  
AN AP REPORT FROM WASHINGTON, SOURCED TO USG OFFICIALS,  
WHICH ASSERTED THAT THE USG HAD TRIED TO COVER UP  
INVOLVEMENT IN DRUG TRAFFICKING OF "EACH FACTION OF ANTI-  
SANDINISTAS WHICH OPERATE FROM COSTA RICA" AND REPORTED  
THAT THE PROPERTY OF AN AMERICAN IN COSTA RICA, JOHN HULL,  
HAD BEEN USED AS A TRANSFER POINT FOR DRUGS. THE AP  
REPORT LINKED CUBAN-AMERICANS IN MIAMI AND THE NICARAGUAN  
DEMOCRATIC FORCE (FDN) TO TRAFFICKING AND IT NOTED THAT  
"FDN SPOKESMAN BOSCO MATAMOROS" HAD DENIED FDN INVOLVEMENT.

2. INA COLUMN COMMENTING ON THE AP STORY, PRO-GON  
EL NUEVO DIARIO CHARGED THAT "REAGAON HID THE INFORMATION,  
IMPEDED THE INVESTIGATION AND OBLIGED FEDERAL AGENTS  
TO CHANGE THE PAPERS AND MAKE THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT  
THE VICTIM OF THE SAME... TO SATISFY HIS PATHOLOGY AGAINST  
NICARAGUA". BERGOLD

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